

Remarks

Claims 1-4 and 6-20 are pending. Claim 5 is canceled in this Response. Claims 7 and 8 are amended to correct punctuation and grammar mistakes. Claim 19 is amended to correct dependency.

Rejections Based On Keyes -- Claims 1-10 and 17-20

Claims 1-10 and 17-20 were rejected under Section 103 as being obvious over Leong (5,996,010) in view of Keyes (6,516,427). Keyes can qualify as prior art only under Section 102(e). Hewlett-Packard Company owned the subject matter of Keyes and the present Application at the time the inventions were made, as is evident from the face of Keyes and the Assignment of this Application recorded on February 20, 2001 at reel/frame 011564/0516. Pursuant to Section 103(c), therefore, Keyes cannot be relied on to support the Section 103 rejection of Claims 1-10 and 17-20, and the rejection of those claims should be withdrawn.

Claims 11-16 -- Leong Does Not Teach Or Suggest All Claim Limitations

Claims 11-16 were rejected under Section 103 as being obvious over Leong (5,996,010). Claim 11 requires a peripheral device in an intranet communicating a *configuration* request to a web site hosted by a server *that is not in the intranet*. The Examiner cites to column 6, lines 23-34 in Leong as teaching these limitations in Claim 11. There is nothing in the passage in Leong relied on by the Examiner that teaches or suggests anything about a configuration request. In fact, there is nothing anywhere in Leong that teaches or suggests communicating a configuration request. So far as Applicant can determine, the term "configuration" does not appear in Leong.

There is also nothing in the passage in Leong relied on by the Examiner that teaches or suggests a peripheral device in an intranet communicating any kind of request to a server that is not in the intranet. On the contrary, web enabled agent 30 in Leong is in the intranet with the requesting peripheral device client 39/40. Leong, Fig. 2; column 6, lines 23-34 and column 12, lines 21-30.

Leong just doesn't support the Examiner's assertions. If the Examiner disagrees, she is respectfully requested to explain specifically how the cited passages in Leong

teach or suggest a peripheral device in an intranet communicating a configuration request to a server that is not in the intranet. Absent such a showing, the rejection of Claim 11 should be withdrawn. The rejection of Claim 16 should be withdrawn for the same reasons..

Claims 12-15 distinguish patentably over Leong due to their dependence on Claim 11.

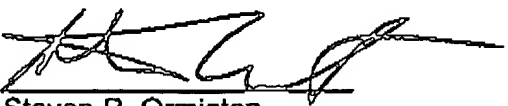
Further with regard to Claim 12, Leong does not teach or suggest a web site that provides a printer management service or a printer configuration. The passages in Leong cited by the Examiner in support of the rejection of Claim 12 don't say anything about a printer management service or a printer configuration.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

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